

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: D.I. 14

**CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING (I)
DEBTORS TO (A) HONOR PREPETITION EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS AND
(B) MAINTAIN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS AND PAY RELATED
ADMINISTRATIVE OBLIGATIONS, (II) CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES
TO PROCEED WITH OUTSTANDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION
CLAIMS, AND (III) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO HONOR AND
PROCESS RELATED CHECKS AND TRANSFERS**

The undersigned counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors") hereby certifies as follows:

1. On September 9, 2024 (the "**Petition Date**"),² the Debtors each filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"), and related pleadings with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The Debtors are debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The automatic stay of Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code is in effect.

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion.

2. On the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the *Motion of Debtors for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing (I) Debtors To (A) Honor Prepetition Employee Obligations and (B) Maintain Employee Benefits Programs and Pay Related Administrative Obligations, (II) Current and Former Employees To Proceed with Outstanding Workers' Compensation Claims, and (III) Financial Institutions To Honor and Process Related Checks and Transfers* (the “**Motion**”) (D.I. 14).

3. Prior to the first day hearing (the “**Hearing**”) on September 10, 2024, the Debtors filed the *Notice of Filing of Revised Proposed Interim Order Authorizing (I) Debtors To (A) Honor Prepetition Employee Obligations and (B) Maintain Employee Benefits Programs and Pay Related Administrative Obligations, (II) Current and Former Employees To Proceed With Outstanding Workers Compensation Claims, and (III) Financial Institutions To Honor and Process Related Checks and Transfers* (D.I. 79).

4. At the Hearing, the Debtors received comments from the Office of the United States Trustee and certain other parties to the proposed form of interim order attached to the Motion (the “**Proposed Order**”).

5. Accordingly, the Debtors have revised the form of order granting the relief requested in the Motion, (the “**Revised Proposed Order**”), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Revised Proposed Order has been shared with the U.S. Trustee and the parties who provided comments, and the Debtors understand that those parties have no objection to entry of the Revised Proposed Order.

6. A redline comparing the Revised Proposed Order against the Proposed Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors request entry of the Revised Proposed Order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Dated: September 10, 2024
Wilmington, DE

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